COUNCIL OF ELDER AFFAIRS MEETING

Date: December 6, 2017

Time Convened: 9:36 a.m.

Venue: Historical Room/ Hanson Public Library

Those in attendance: Susan Gagnon, Linda Philbrook, Michael Saya, Elizabeth Stevens, and Mary Collins Excused Absence: George Copeland, Dave King, and Stephanie McSweeney

● Meeting called to order at 9:36 a.m. by Chairwoman, Linda Philbrook

● October meeting minutes were read and accepted as amended.

● Report of Director and discussion:

○ Mary reported on November activities:

■ The STAP program meeting was held on November 2. There were 30 applicants and all were accepted. Acceptance letters will go out to all this week.

■ The Veteran’s Day Breakfast on November 8 was well attended. The Chorus entertained with patriotic songs. The Veteran’s Agent presented the Center with U.S, and POW flags.

○ Mary reported on the events coming up in December:

■ The Tree Decorating Party was held on Monday, December 4 at 1:00 p.m.

■ The Traveler’s Holiday Luncheon at Meadowbrook was held on Tuesday, December 5. The theme was a “Country Christmas” The Supportive Day attended.

■ The Swingin’ Singers will hold their holiday concert on Monday, December 11 at 11:00 a.m.

■ The Caregiver’s Group will hold a holiday party on December 11 from 1:00-2:30 p.m. The caregivers are asked to bring their loved ones with them.

■ The Holiday Gift Swap will be held on Wednesday, December 20 at 10:00 a.m. $5.00 is the limit of the gift.

■ The Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be held on Friday, December 22 at 5:00 p.m. ○ Building update:

■ The heating in the Center has been repaired. The cost was not in the current budget. ○ Staffing update:

■ A staff member has resigned. The position is being restructured. It will be part-time - 19 hours per week and will be funded through the Formula Grant. Applications are being accepted in house. ○ FY’ 18 Formula Grant has been reduced by the Governor from $10.00 /senior to $9.70/senior. The amount the Town receives is based on the 2010 Census. It is currently $17,000.

● The Chairwoman had nothing to report.

● Report of Council Representatives:

○ Norwell VNA and Hospice are on target.

○ OCES- There was a Board Meeting last week. There seems to be a breakdown in communication when referrals are taken. We asked the CEO to talk to our caregiver families. That was done. The intake personnel need more training and OCES is working on that.

○ OCPC - There was no meeting in December. ○ Salvation Army - The Calvary Baptist Church has taken over the a Christmas Bell Ringers task.

○ The Friend’s Group. There is no meeting this month. They will be hosting a Christmas party at the Hitching Post for the Supportive Day Care and their volunteers.

● Unfinished Business: None

● New Business: The Center will be open ½ day on Friday, December 22. There will be no Supportive Day Care.

● The meeting adjourned at 10:10a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Gagnon Secretary